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### **Seacoast Senators Applaud Budget Funding to Repair State Fishing Pier**

**CONCORD**—Today, the New Hampshire Senate passed HB 3 and HB 4, a compromise on the state budget, which included funding to fix the Portsmouth Commercial Fish Pier on Pierce Island, which failed this summer.

**Following the vote, Seacoast Senators Martha Fuller Clark (D-Portsmouth), David Watters (D-Dover), and Tom Sherman (D-Rye) released the following statements:**

“Today, as a result of the bipartisan budget compromise passing, we are pleased to acknowledge and thank the budget writers for including the critical funding necessary to repair the state commercial fishing pier in Portsmouth,” said **Senator Martha Fuller Clark (D-Portsmouth)**. “Heeding the call from Port of New Hampshire Director Geno Marconi, I am grateful for the support of colleagues Senator David Watters and Senator Tom Sherman, along with Senate Finance Chair Lou D’Allesandro, in advocating for the inclusion of \$3.25 million dollars in the state budget compromise. Without these funds, the viability of our Seacoast fishing economy would continue to be at risk.”

“The state fishing pier is a vital part of our Seacoast infrastructure and support of the fishing industry. I applaud the budget for dealing with this emergency by providing full funding for the repair of the pier,” stated **Senator David Watters (D-Dover)**.

**Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye)** added, “The members of New Hampshire’s commercial fishing industry reflect the core values of our state. This vote to rebuild the state fishing pier recognizes their critical role both in our economy and our heritage and is a significant victory for the Seacoast.”

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